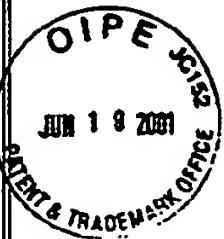


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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this  
application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, please replace the first paragraph with the following:

This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No.  
60/196,297, entitled "NETWORK ARCHITECTURE, SYSTEMS, AND METHODS,"  
filed on April 12, 2000, the disclosure of which is expressly incorporated herein by  
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Docket No. 07937-0002, which is also expressly incorporated herein by reference in its entirety. The present invention also relates to U.S. Patent Application No. 09/832,339, entitled "METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR PARTNERS IN VIRTUAL NETWORKS," filed April 11, 2001, Attorney Docket No. 07937-0002-01; U.S. Patent Application No. 09/832,363, entitled "METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR HAIRPINS IN VIRTUAL NETWORKS," filed April 11, 2001, Attorney Docket No. 07937-0002-02; U.S. Patent Application No. 09/832,345, entitled "METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR PROVIDING NETWORK SERVICES USING AT LEAST ONE PROCESSOR INTERFACING A BASE NETWORK," filed April 11, 2001, Attorney Docket No. 07937-0002-06; U.S. Patent Application No. 09/832,346, entitled "METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR ENABLING COMMUNICATION BETWEEN A PROCESSOR AND A NETWORK OPERATIONS CENTER," filed April 11, 2001, Attorney Docket No. 07937-0002-07; and U.S. Patent Application No. 09/832,353, entitled "METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR AN EXTRANET," filed April 11, 2001, Attorney Docket No. 07937-0002-09; all of which are expressly incorporated herein by reference in their entirety and concurrently filed herewith the present application.

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